10194 Mr. L^am^----b's

Recantation:

IN A

LETTER

TO

Poor Tom.

Occasion'd by his Reading the

Two Wolves in Lambs Skins, &c.

With some proper *Animadversions*, and a few necessary *Advertisements*; all out of his own Books.

I acknowledge my Fault, and my Sin is ever before me. Psal. 51. ver. 3.

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BRITISH MUSEUM

A LETTER TO Poor *TOM.*

Poor Tom,

'COuldst thou, in thy Intervals, but look into the unfair Practices Mr. *L—b* formerly us'd to exalt himself; or wouldst thou but reflect upon his present Behaviour, thou mightst easily recover thy Senses, and find the Man to be still the same, tho' the Times are chang'd: For he that will commit Forgery upon

'his Brother Parſon, to countenance Lies and Scandals; no doubt will act Hypocriſie with his K— to gratifie his Ambition: Neither doth any one, that I know of, call him an *Apoſtate*, or a *Villain* †, becauſe *he wrote a Vindication of Dr. S——l*, or any Body elſe, ſo far as it was conſiſtent with Truth, Juſtice and Religion: But ſince he has ſupply'd me with the Words, I think no Name bad enough for a— (I wiſh I could leave out) Parſon; who ſhall impudently publiſh to the World any Gentleman's Recantation without his Knowledge or Conſent (as Mr. *B——t*, * chargeth him) that he has vented above twenty Falſhoods in Fact, which he has prov'd to be ſuch; beſides a forg'd Recantation in his Name; and another ſcurrilous Paper, call'd, *An Anſwer to a Book that he was writing*, with this blaſphemous Motto in the Title Page,

And underſtandeſt my Thoughts long before:

'To which he adds from *L'Eſtrange*:

And to Recant *is but to* Cant *again*, &c.

'Mr. *L—b* ſaith, ‖ There is a part of that Book, ‡ which has given him more uneaſineſs than any 'thing elſe in it: In this part, ſome of the Clergy 'of *London* are us'd in a very unhandſom, inſolent 'manner (*ſee how the B— wheedles*, ſaith the 'Boy to his Mother) and why muſt Mr. *B—t*, who 'has been as much injur'd as e'er a one of 'em, be

† *Anſw. p.* 14. * *Preſ. to the Mod. Tan.* ‖ *Anſw. pag.* 17.
‡ *Dr. S——l's Def.*

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' left out: No, *He set forth a very unfair Account*
' *of that Gentleman's Life and Conversation* *; and
' that Mr. L—*b* might be sure to be even with
' him, he publish'd,

A false, lying and scandalous Recantation in Mr. B——t's Name:

Also, An Impudent Answer to a Book that was never so much as once thought of:

And a profane Pamphlet, call'd,

The Dissenting Teachers Address to the I——to, against the Bill for Building Fifty new Churches, in and about the Cities of London and Westminster; and the Ld. W— Answer: With
' some very useful Advertisements of his own;
' which, to gratifie Mr. *Lintot*, shall be added by
' way of *Appendix*, to this *Recantation*.

' Now *Tom*, prithee be serious for once, and
' consider, if his *Lamentation in private, or his*
' *publick Acknowledgment of that unaccountable*
' *Rudeness* †, be only in part, or in full; or if there
' is not yet reason to doubt, that he has a mind to
' keep up an Understanding with those Men; or
' else sure he would have discover'd who put him
' upon those foul Practices, as well as upon the
' Defence; otherwise we must believe him to be
' the sole Author of them all, and of consequence,
' one of the worst of Men living; especially when
' we still find him sporting with the Dispensations

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* *Modern Fanatick Part* 1. † Pag. 17.

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of the Almighty's Providence, in his odious Comparison * of the *Skis*, the Whiskis and Dunskis, with the *late Appearance in the Skies*: From all which we may ſtill perceive the Religion, Honeſty and Good Manners of the Man; and I think, upon ſecond thoughts, rather eſteem him a *ſpiritual Ruff—n* than a *Wolf*; rather one that would deſtroy his Adverſary's Reputation, than be able to devour it.

'I ſhall not diſturb thy Intervals with too tedious Obſervations upon the Man's paſt or preſent Inconſiſtencies, only make ſome ſhort *Remarks*, all out of his own Books, upon this *Recantation*; wherein it will appear, that he is a better *Prophet* than *Preacher*, and that this his Recantation ſeems to be fully Calculated for his own Meridian; tho' for Reaſons beſt known to himſelf he publiſhes it in Mr. *B——t's* Name.

'I ſhall only add, that its from theſe unfair Practices, and Ludicrous Sayings in our Clergy, proceeds all the (ſuppos'd) Danger of the Church; and that, as you very well obſerv'd, if they were as mindful of its *Walls*, as the People are of its *Buttreſſes*, there would be no danger of the falling of our *Sion*; which our Bleſſed Saviour has promiſed *ſhall continue unto the end of the World*.

'I think the only way to reform our Corruptions, is to reform the Principles of bad Teachers; and for old Acquaintance ſake, *Tom*, upon any Change of the Moon, or of the Man who changeth as often, thou mayſt depend upon my Aſſiſtance:

Who am yours, &c.

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* Page 9.

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Mr. L——b's Recantation:

With some Proper

ANIMADVERSIONS

On the SAME.

Recantation.

Rev. Sir,

I Have read your *Vindication from several Aspersions cast upon you in a Book* of my Writing; and I must honestly confess to you, that it has given me the *Confusion of Face* it promises in the second Page; the detestable Picture of *the Faction has given me Loathing and Abhorrence, equal to the Love which I once bore to the odious Originals, p. 2. Vind.* I am now convinc'd, that every Word in my Book is false

false and scandalous. But I did really believe, when I wrote those Actions of your Life, that they were undeniably true; I had many of the Accounts, as well as many *Encouragements*, to publish them, from *very Great Men.* The Authority with which I receiv'd them, the Temptations I was under, the glittering Prospects I had of great Preferment; and I must ingeniously own, some *natural Inclination* to *Revile*, hurry'd me on irresistibly to the Crime which I am now lamenting; and these I hope also will in some measure extenuate the Guilt, and make my way to Forgiveness easy. *(a)*

Animadversion.

(a) *There is a little People,* Gens inimica mihi, *under whose Displeasure I am unhappily fallen, for two unpardonable Crimes,* viz. *That I would not by their Order be* perjur'd, *and forfeit my Soul; but, which most enrages them, that I would not Rebel, and forfeit my Life: That I would not be hang'd for them, upon Assurance given me, that in that Period of* Martyrdom, *I should be loaded with a great deal of* Grinning *Honour, and at last cheat the World with a silly Speech of their making, that I might die in their Service as stupid as I had liv'd in it.* Possib. of leaving the Tories, p. 3.

Recantation.

It would be too tedious to lay before you all the Steps that were taken, the several Consultations and Cabals, antecedent to the Publication of my *Modern Fanatick.* *Daniel de Foe* had then a Book

of this Nature in hand, which I find, with the u' moſt ſurprize, your Vindicator had ſome Knowlegde of; but that was levell'd at other great Men, Biſhops and Prieſts, beſides your ſelf *(b)*. Our Party unanimouſly voted, that nothing could ſo effectually revive and advance their Credit with the People, as the Death and Deſtruction of yours; and it was reſolv'd that I ſhould begin firſt, my Name being great among the Mob, for my *plain Engliſh Sermon*, they thought what I wrote would be more acceptable, and leave greater Impreſſions upon them. After this, *De Foe* was to appear, and charge the greateſt Men in the Church, with no leſs than a conſtant Correſpondence with the *Pretender*: Some Letters, by way of Vouchers, were *forg'd* by them, and the ableſt Men in Town, at Counterfeiting Hands, were actually in the Secret. This, I can aſſure you, upon my own Knowledge, was the Project *Fuller* had a ſhare in, and adverti's'd you of: But you are now in no Danger, our Party is diſpirited beyond Expreſſion, our Meaſures

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Animadverſion.

(b) He is griev'd that Mr. H——dly *has met with ſuch indifferent Treatment: he la's himſelf out very pathetically upon this occaſion, and declares, with ſomething little leſs than an Oath,* That he deſerves more than all the Writers on this ſide the Cape. *Here indeed Mr.* L— —b *and I ſhall ſhake Hands: I think I am really of his Opinion, and am ſo far from being Mr.* H——dly's *Enemy, that I did not care if* He had his Deſerts to Morrow. *Anſw. to a ſecond ſcand. Book, p.* 7.

are all broken, our Designs all laid aside, and poor *Fuller* plentifully curs'd for his *Conscientious* Discovery of a Plot, which the Managers had given up, ever since the late Alterations at Court (*c*).

Animadversion.

(*c*) *He begs earnestly of his Friends, the* Dissenters and W——gs, That they would not think it possible for him to Repent: That he is entirely as wicked as they can desire, and does not feel the least Relenting or Remorse. *Ditto, p, 6.*

Recantation.

This is an honest Account of the Conception and Birth of my Book, and what we intended should succeed it; and it is an unspeakable Astonishment to me, that my Friends should furnish me with Materials so easily to be confuted and expos'd. I must acknowledge, the Story of your *Gaming on Sundays* (not at *Hasle Cup*, I hope) was my own: I heartily beg pardon of God and you for it; our Business was *Accusation*, and we did not think our selves oblig'd to precise Veracity, any more than in an *Answer to a Bill in Chancery*, or in a Speech at an *Impe-h--ment*. The rest of the Stories I receiv'd chiefly from Dissenting Preachers; that of *smugling the Wench at Woodstock*, from *Daniel B—gess*; that of the *Breeches*, from Mr. S—*re*; the little obscene Hint about *Tickling their Loins with her Finger*, from young R*--well*; and truly I must confess, neither of us knew at that time, that we were giving a *Double Entendre* to a very serious Expression in *Isaiah*. I am oblig'd to your Vindicator,

tor, that he took no notice of it in his Book; I ſuppoſe his Abhorrence ſo ſhock'd him, that he could not engage in it (*d*).

Animadverſion.

(*d*) *The Pamphlet by an* inferior Clergyman, *I have ſeen, and truly I think the Author will never deſerve any other Epithet; he is* inferior *to the* loweſt *degree, and he may depend upon it, he will never* riſe *till we have another* † Jeroboam, who will make the loweſt of the People Prieſts of the High Places: *Which God of his great Mercy avert.* Ditto, p. 10.

† *This muſt mean the Pretender, or the D——l.*

Recantation.

This fair Confeſſion, and honeſt Acknowledgment of my Sin, I hope, will plead ſucceſsfully for me, and induce you by your Prayers to *retain* thoſe *Bleſſed Advocates in Heaven*, in my Favour, whoſe Nature and Office your Vindicator has with great perſpicuity illuſtrated to me (*e*).

Animadverſion.

(*e*) *The Doctor does not bid his Audience proſtrate themſelves to Images and Pictures, but by a good Life, a holy Converſation, to recommend themſelves to the bleſſed* Advocates above. *Now* a good Life being the propereſt Recommendation, *you* Whigs *cannot bear the thoughts of* retaining *ſuch* Advocates. *When any thing in Religion is againſt*

you, that you call Popery; *when it is in Government, you call it* Tyranny *or* Perſecution, *and think it a ſufficient Juſtification of your Averſion to it.* Vind. of Dr. S——l, p. 26.

Recantation.

To this Petition, Reverend Sir. I would be admitted to add my Thanks for a Favour receiv'd; I am extremely touch'd with the Senſe of your Chriſtian Charity, and Brotherly Affection, in withholding from the Publick that Account of my Life, which your Vindicator's Letter tells me my Enemies have put into Mr. C——r's Hands. It is a noble Inſtance of your Generoſity, to keep that a Secret, after I had given you ſuch Provocations, as would juſtifie your declaring it in every Street and Highway. I do aſſure you, this Generous and Chriſtian Act has ſo much affected me, that I have bundled up all the Facquets of *freſh Scandal*, which your Enemies have ſent in to me for a ſecond Book; and like the *Sorcerers*, in the *19th* of the *Acts*, burnt them upon *Conviction*. I don't doubt but many things will forthwith be publiſh'd againſt you, under my Name; but you, and the World may depend upon it, they are ſpurious. I do here ſolemly declare to you, that I will have no part in any Book or Pamphlet hereafter, that reflects upon your Character and Conduct, or upon the Vindicator, or the Party which you eſpouſe. Therefore I beg of you, to accept of this my Submiſſion and Recantation, and to look upon every thing of this Nature that is aſcrib'd to me, or bears my Name, to be without my Knowledge or Conſent: And

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ſuffer it not to provoke you to publiſh the Account aforeſaid of my Life and Converſation, becauſe if you do I am ruin'd, and my Family muſt ſtarve (*f*).

Animadverſion.

(*f*) *You ſee, Brethren, what you are to expect, that have liſted your ſelves under this abominable Banner, all your former Services, Friendſhips and Indearments are nothing, if you preſume at laſt to have the uſe of your* Senſes; *if Conſcience has the* impudence *to ſtir, and remind you of your Duty; if you refuſe to run all their Lengths, even that worſt of Lengths, to the* end *of an* Halter: (*well ſaid* Boy) *all your former Converſation is betray'd, they throw you out to the World with all the Marks of Infamy and Reproach they can ſtick upon you, and purſue you, if they can, to Beggery and Ruin* (poor Soul, *who would not pity him!*) *Poſſ. of leaving the Tories, p.* 18.

Recantation.

You cannot imagine how I have been Careſs'd by ſome of the City Clergy of the *Moderate Principle*, not ſo much for *reviling you* (tho' that is extremely grateful) as for ridiculing the Liturgy, bantering the Ceremonies, and repreſenting the whole Church with Circumſtances of Contempt: I can aſſure you, I am promis'd by ſome of them, no leſs a Reward than the *Living* of St. *Andrew Holborn*, which I hear juſt now, and am heartily glad of it, you have a fairer Proſpect of than any one in Town (*g*).

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Animadverſion.

(*g*) When Religion has taken an Habitation in a Man's Countenance, *it is generally Tenant for Life there; I ſeldom knew it remove lower, and take a place in his Heart. I proteſt a formal Religious Face frights me; I clap my Hands into my Pocket like a* Dutch Skipper, *and have much ado to forbear hollowing out* Thieves, Murder, Moderation, *and all things that I think will hurt me. Excuſe me, Neighbour, if ever I take an uncommon* Liberty of Speech, *it is when thoſe People are the* Subject of Diſcourſe, *and yet you are always crowding it in upon me. I have always eſteem'd them, and have every day freſh occaſion to do it, utter and avow'd Enemies to the* Crown *and* Mitre. *I know their Principles are ſo bad, and their Practices ſo nicely correſponding with them, that I cannot have a favourable Thought of thoſe Men who do not vigorouſly oppoſe them.* Vind. S——l, p. 27.

Recantation.

I mention this Court that is paid to me, and the Friendſhip I receive from my Superiors, only as ſo many Arguments to induce you to be propitious to me, and number me with thoſe of your Enemies that youf orgive (*h*).

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Animadverſion.

(*b*) *The ſhare that I had in this, I have greatly lamented in private, and make this publick Acknowledgment of that unaccountable Rudeneſs, and Contempt of learned and good Men, in every thing vaſtly ſuperior to me; and ſure the* Hand *that writes this will wither.* If there is not Sincerity of Heart in Company with it. *Poſſ. of leav. the Tories, p.* 17.

Recantation.

Et quoniam ita Natura comparati ſumus, ut cui multum *debeamus, illi* plurimum *debere velimus.* I muſt end with another Addreſs: That you would Sir, expreſs the continuance of your good Will to me, by interceding for me with thoſe Members of your Acquaintance, that ſit formoſt in the Houſe of Convocation; it will be an unſpeakable Affliction to me to be the firſt Example of Church Diſcipline, and have my Name firſt in the Regiſters of Eccleſiaſtical Cenſure. Let I pray this Letter be communicated to them, I am very willing it ſhould be Printed, for I think the more open the Confeſſion, the more acceptable it is to God and our Governors. Alas! I am *too Inconſiderable* to be *begun with*; there are higher Objects of their Reſentment, and ſuch as will become that Auguſt Aſſembly, and ſuch as I will bear Teſtimony againſt, for Intriguing and Cabaling againſt the Church, and let me tell you the Q——n too (*i*).

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Animadverſion.

(i) *There is a moſt horrible Noiſe about a* Great Father of the Church: It is a ſhame, *he ſays*, that ſo great a Man ſhould be us'd with ſo little Reſpect; that he ſhould be charg'd with falſe Doctrine, who is the only Standard of true: But he hopes the late Puniſhment inflicted upon an impudent High-flying Reviler of a *E——p*, by thoſe great Examples of impartial Juſtice, *T——ton* and *W——ton* and their Gang will prevent the like for the future. *He is inform'd, he ſays, that this* pert Scribler of the Vindication is a young Sprig of Divinity, one of laſt Years ſhoot of Lecturers; *and he wonders what buſineſs ſuch little* Sprigs have to laſh. *Anſw. to a 2d ſcand. Book, p.* 11.

Recantation.

Upon the whole, Reverend Sir, I do here moſt ſolemnly aſſure you, That I will return faithfully to the buſineſs of my Calling; that I will diſcharge it as I ought. I will lay aſide all Book-writing and Party; I will wear the Surplice, and read *all* the Prayers at Church; I will no more Laugh and ridiculouſly Cant out the Litany; I will Bow Reverently, and not with a Grin, at the Name of *Jeſus*: I will not, as formerly, diſpenſe with Kneeling at the Sacrament: I will not Baptize without the Sign of the Croſs, and Goſſips: I will have a longer Sermon, and a ſhorter Prayer: I will conform intirely to the Church of *England*, and wholly abandon the Conventicle: *I will alſo take heed to my Ways, that*

I offend not with my Tongue. In a word, *I will put off the Old Man, with his Deeds, and become a new Creature.* (*k*)

Animadversion.

(*k*) *But to conclude, when Mr.* B——— *publishes his Book, perhaps the Reader will not find the Quotations I have here made out of it, and from thence conclude, in the Language of the* Ld Cl——don, That I am a Person, who do not think my self oblig'd to any precise Veracity: *But good, dear, gentle, Christian Reader, entertain no such severe Thoughts of your poor Author, but be assur'd, they are now in his Manuscript, and if they are not found in his printed Book, depend upon it, that in pure spite to me he has left them out, only to depretiate my Reputation with the learned World, and sink that exalted Character which such a Performance as this,* proprio Marte, *without the least Subterraneous Assistance, must undoubtedly reward me with, tho' I know he loves his own Works entirely, he will blot out, spoil, and pull them in pieces, as the Dissenters did their Meeting-houses: To injure a Tory and mischief the Church, Oh! he is of a very barbarous Temper; the* D——ch *at* Amboyna, *or the* Sp———ds *at* Peru *were nothing to him; he often declares,* He could eat the Heart of a Tory with pleasure: *I must own, indeed, its the only way for a* W———g *to have a* Good Honest Heart *in his Belly.* Answ. to a second scandalous Book, p. 13.

Recantation.

Reverend Sir, be pleas'd to excuſe the length of this Epiſtle, it contains the *Breathings* of my Soul, and what I could not forbear Writing to you; I hope God will bleſs you, and the Government reſtore you; that God will open your Heart, and the Q—n your Mouth: That you *may again teach the ways of Righteouſneſs unto the Wicked, that Sinners may be converted unto it:* Among which, I confeſs with Shame and Confuſion of Face, there is not a greater than your poor Penitent, and,

Moſt Affectionate

Brother,

Moorfields, Jan. 17. 1710 11.

Charles L---b.

SOME

SOME *VERY NECESSARY* Advertisements,

All out of his own Books.

I.

THE Elders of the Meeting-house in *Stepney Fields*, do hereby give notice, that it will be Let or Sold upon the Building of three New Churches in that Parish. It is a large Room, and very convenient for a Cowhouse, or a quantity of Hay, Hemp, Oakham, and old or new Ropes: If they can agree for the Galleries, it is extremely commodious for a Musick Room, there are in it divers Recesses very curiously fitted up for any diversion that requires secrecy.

Whereas there is a malicious Report, that the Reverend Mr. *T——gue* Minister of the Gospel has given over answering Questions in Divinity, and solving Cases of Conscience; This is to inform the Publick that the said Report is false, and that Mr. *T——gue* does continue still to give Answers and hear Cases at very low and reasonable Rates, at his House from Nine to Two. Beware of Counterfeits. He is a middle size Man, wears a Copper coloured Coat, has great Interest with the old Ladies, and loves Bohee Tea wonderfully.

III.

There is now in the Press, and will speedily be published,

A Treatise shewing the Duty of every Christian Audience, immediately to go out of the Church when the Preacher advances false Notions, contrary to the old Establish'd Doctrines of Christianity. Dedicated to the Mayor and Aldermen of *Salisbury*, with the Author's humble Service to Mr. *G——sh.*

IV.

Whereas Mr. *Sh——re* Teacher of God's Word, did formerly resolve not to come over to the Church of *England* for a Living of less value than his Conventicle; Upon second thoughts he will comply for 100 *l. per Ann.* if any Patron, either of the Laity or Clergy has a Living of that value to dispose of, with a fine House and Gardens, and paid easily, he believ

at his House from Nine to Twelve, and from Three to Six. *N. B.* He does not care how soon this matter is over.

V.

Mr. *M——suit* near St. *Mary Magdalen* Church, having Let his Meeting House, has a Pulpit to let, worse for wearing to dispose of. It will make with small Alteration a very curious Beaufet. There are already in it very pretty Conveniencies, which he formerly used for his Bottles, Pipes, Tinderbox, Cards and Cribbidge-boards: These may easily be converted to more elegant Uses, and will be sold a Penyworth.

Just Publish'd:

A Plea for the Pirates of Madagascar.

In which it is prov'd, that they have as good a Right to Pardon and Preferment, upon the account of their Money, as the W——gs in *Great-Britain*: And that to get an Estate by Piracy in those remote Seas is a less Crime, than to raise a Fortune by betraying our Native Country, plundering the Publick, misapplying, or not accounting for Thirty five M--l-.ons. Dedicated to the Author of the *Medley*.

A Trunkmaker having left off his Trade, hath part of his Stock yet to dispose of; Consisting of several Sermons and Pamphlets, *viz.* Almost the whole Edition of a Sermon, Entituled, *The Sea Assize*; and a great number of Latin things about *Sion College*. Fifty Rheam of Letters to Dr. *Sa-*

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and vast quantities of the *Curate of Salop's Satyr upon St. Paul*, together with the entire Edition of the *Vindication of the City Clergymen*, who refused to sign the City of *London's* late Address, and acknowledge the Q——n's Title to the Throne of her Ancestors, and *Abjure* the Pretender: With many other Pieces by the scribling *Abettors* of *Popery* and Faction.

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BOOKS Printed for and Sold by *J. Sackfield*, in *Lincolns-Inn New-Square.*

THE *Two Wolves in Lamb's Skins*: Or, Old *Ely's* ſorrowful Lamentation over his two Sons. Being found in an old Manuſcript in the *Bedlamite* Library, which was bequeath'd by *Oliver Cromwel's* Porter; from whence theſe two Reverend Brethren have been, from time to time, ſupply'd with new Principles. *Ex ore tuo judicaberis.* The Second Edition.

Mr. *L——b's* Recantation: In a Letter to poor *Tom*; occaſion'd by reading the *Two Wolves*, &c.

Next Week will be Publiſh'd: *Marlborough ſtill Conquers*, or, *Union has got the Day.* In three Cantos. With an additional Canto upon K. *George's* happy Acceſſion to the Throne of *Great Britain.* All three by the ſame Author.

The Engliſh Nun: Or a Comical Deſcription of a Nunnery, with the Lives and Intrigues of the Prieſts and Nuns. To which is annex'd, *Iſabella's* Relation of her being debauch'd by a Fryar at 13. Written by an Engliſh Lady who reſided near 12 Months in a Nunnery at *Bruſſels.*

And next Week will be Publiſh'd,

Propoſals for Printing by Subſcription, All the Proceedings in the Great Caſe of *Ship Money*, between King *Charles* the Firſt, and *John Hambden* of *Stoake Mandevile* in the County of *Bucks*, Eſq;

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Together with all the Arguments of the Counsel on both sides, in that Case, at the Bar; and also of all the Judges upon the Bench in the *Exchequer Chamber*.

Also,

An Indictment against *Tho. Harrison*, Clerk, for Words he spake against Mr. Justice *Hutton*, in that Tryal, and the Proceedings thereon.

N. B. These Proceedings, Arguments, and Indictment, were never yet Publish'd in any Historical Collection or Memoirs.

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